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SUBJ: NATO INFRASTRUCTURE - US GUARANTEE OF DESIGN FUNDS

1. AT US INFRASTRUCTURE TRAINING CONFERENCE IN LONDON WEEK OF 22 MARCH 76, MISSION OFFICER (LOVELAND) NOTED WITH REGRET DELAY OF SUBMISSION OF US FUND REQUESTS AGAINST PROJECTS PROGRAMMED IN SLICE XXVI. SINCE SLICE APPROVAL HAD BEEN DELAYED BY 6 MONTHS HE BELIEVED THAT VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE US REQUESTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN READY FOR FUNDING BY THE TIME SLICE WAS CLEARED OF FINAL ITALIAN RESERVATION.

2. US USING SERVICES (EUCOM COMPONENT COMMANDS) AGREED THAT DELAYS WERE REGRETTABLE BUT UNAVOIDABLE BECAUSE HOST NATIONS REFUSED TO START DESIGN WORK UNTIL SLICE WAS APPROVED OR USING NATION GUARANTEED DESIGN COSTS. THUS, SINCE US MILITARY CON-
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STRUCTION PROGRAMS DID NOT PROVIDE FUNDS TO GUARANTEE DESIGN COSTS FOR NATO INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, FUND REQUESTS WERE INORDINATELY DELAYED.

3. IN THIS PERIOD OF CONTINUING CONSTRUCTION COST INFLATION IN EUROPE AND WITH THE RISK OF AUTOMATIC DELETION OF PROJECTS WHOSE IMPLEMENTATION IS DELAYED, IT WOULD APPEAR WORTHWHILE TO DEVISE A METHOD BY WHICH THE US COULD MOTIVATE THE HOST COUNTRIES TO EXPEDITE DESIGN OF US PROJECTS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE SINCE IT IS RARE THAT A PROJECT RECOMMENDED BY THE NATO MILITARY COMMANDERS IS DELETED FROM A SLICE AFTER THE FIRST ROUND OR TWO OF SCREENING IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, THUS FEW SUCH DESIGN FUND GUARANTEES WOULD LEAD TO US EXPENSE.

4. RECOMMEND THAT MEANS BE EXPLORED TO ALLOW US USING SERVICES TO GUARANTEE HOST COUNTRY DESIGN COSTS FOR US PROJECTS IN RECOMMENDED INFRASTRUCTURE SLICES AS EARLY AS PRUDENT. IF THE MILITARY SERVICES ARE LEGALLY PRECLUDED FROM MAKING SUCH GUARANTEES SUGGEST CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBILITY OF USING MC (ARMY) INFRASTRUCTURE LINE ITEM AS SOURCE OF GUARANTEE.

5. WE BELIEVE THAT AN ADDED ADVANTAGE OF SUCH A MEANS TO EXPEDITE DESIGN OF US PROJECTS WOULD BE THE REDUCTION OF NUMBER OF PROJECTS REQUIRING PREFINANCING BY THE US IN ORDER TO MEET OPERATIONAL DATES. STREATOR.

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